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Inter Linking of Rivers

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether disparity in the water yields in river basins in the country is decreasing due to erratic monsoon and if so, the details and the facts thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is reevaluating the inter linking of rivers project as a result of the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the core dry land areas of Central and Western India are to be covered by this project in the light of the recommendations made by Mihir Shah Committee during July, 2016; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

- (a) The flow in the rivers is dynamic and depends on many parameters such as rainfall, its distribution and intensity in the catchment, catchment characteristics and withdrawals/utilizations of water. As per annual average flows of last 10 years, there is no increase/decrease trend in water availability in the major rivers in the country.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) & (d) The Mihir Shah Committee on "Restructuring of Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB)" has submitted its report to the Hon'ble Minister for WR, RD & GR in July, 2016. The matter is under examination and consideration of the Ministry.
